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SUBJ: UNGA RESOLUTION ON THE OUTER SPACE REGISTRATION
CONVENTION

1. CHRISTIANI OF AUSTRIAN MISSION HAS GIVEN USUN A
DRAFT RES BY WHICH GA WOULD APPROVE THE REGISTRATION
CONVENTION AND REQUEST THE SYG TO OPEN IT PROMPTLY FOR
SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION. DRAFT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT
8 OCT MTG OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE MEMBERS UNDER
AUSTRIAN CHAIRMANSHIP.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS CLOSELY RESOLUTIONS BY WHICH GA APPROVED
OUTER SPACE TREATY IN 1966, ASTRONAUT AGREEMENT IN
1967 AND LIABILITY CONVENTION IN 1971.

3. CHRISTIANI DRAFT READS AS FOLLOWS:

CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS
LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN
THE FIELD OF THE EXPLORATION AND PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER
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SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, AND

OF PROMOTING THE LAW IN THIS NEW FIELD OF HUMAN ENDEAVOUR,

DESIRING, IN THE LIGHT OF THE TREATY ON PRINCIPLE GOVERNING
THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF
OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES 1/;
THE AGREEMENT ON THE RESCUE OF ASTRONAUTS, THE RETURN OF
ASTRONAUTS AND THE RETURN OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE 2/V
AND THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY FOR
DAMAGE CAUSED BY SPACE OBJECTS 3/ TO MAKE PROVISION FOR
REGISTRATION BY LAUNCHING STATES OF SPACE OBJECTS LAUNCHED
INTO OUTER SPACE WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING STATES WITH
ADDITIONAL MEANS AND PROCEDURES TO ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION
OF SPACE OBJECTS,

BEARING IN MIND ITS RESOLUTION 3182 (XXVIII) OF 18 DECEMBER
1973, WHICH REQUESTED THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL
USES OF OUTER SPACE TO CONSIDER AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY
THE COMPLETION OF THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION
ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE 4/,

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED
BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE,
AND IN PARTICULAR THAT OF ITS LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE,

1. COMMENDS THE CONVENTION ON REGISTRATION OF OBJECTS
LAUNCHED INTO OUTER SPACE, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS ANNEXED
TO THE PRESENT RESOLUTION;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO OPEN THE CONVENTION
FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE;

3. EXPRESSES ITS HOPE FOR THE WIDEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE
TO THIS CONVENTION.

1/ SEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2222 (XXI), ANNEX.

2/ SEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2345 (XXII), ANNEX.

3/ SEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2777 (XXVI), ANNEX.

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4/ OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TWENTY-EIGHTH
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